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1. Nicholas R. Lynovitch* has some form of hold on Judge Antonio Quirino,** brother of the President of the Philippines, and through Antonio, he is able to influence the President.***
2. Anti-US statements of Antonio Quirino have caused embarrassment to President Quirino in the past. The President ostensibly has banned his brother from the Presidential Offices. Heretofore, Antonio made frequent visits to Malacanan, where he behaved informally.
3. In an effort to conceal the extent of Antonio's influence with the President, an intermediary has been selected to carry communications between the two brothers. He is Amado Bautista,**** a newcomer to Malacanan politics, who is General Manager of the Philippine National Development Corporation, a Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Public Works, and Presidential Advisor to Defense Secretary Ruperto Kangleon.*****
4. Antonio Quirino holds confidential early morning conferences at his home in San Juan. Lynovitch and Bautista have been observed in conference there with Antonio. The President was observed recently to use his official car unescorted to his brother's home at 7 a.m.*****

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Nicholas R. Lynevitch, or Lynnevitch, has been chief of the Manila Office of the British American Engineering Corporation. He claims Lithuanian citizenship, and is anti-US. He is known to have associated with various members of the Lewin smuggling syndicate in the Philippines. [REDACTED] that members of the Murray smuggling syndicate had no apprehensions regarding their activities because of connections with President Quirino through his brother and Lynevitch.

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1A *** Comment. Judge Antonio Guirino has been linked with many questionable activities in the Philippines since his brother became President. His name has been linked with the immigration quota racket, and he has associated with individuals known to have been active in smuggling. [REDACTED] that he held a series of conferences with Moses Brunner in the Philippines, presumably in an effort to promote trade negotiations with the USSR. Antonio is a Vice President

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of BAEC and President of the Alto Surety Company which he organized and which is owned by the Quirino family.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. It is generally agreed that the President values his brother's counsel very highly.

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. This is probably a reference to Colonel Amado N. Bautista, formerly a military advisor to General Romulo, who was relieved of this post in 1948. He succeeded Vicente Sabalvard as General Manager of the NDC in December, 1949. Bautista's name was mentioned with that of Antonio Quirino in connection with a transaction in which NDC sold 4,000 tons of surplus property at \$90 per ton which its appraisers had evaluated at \$1960 per ton.

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***** [REDACTED] Comment. No mention of Bautista's name or previous Government service is to be found in official Philippine registers covering the period from 1945 to 1949.

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***** [REDACTED] Comment. When Antonio Quirino desires certain favors or wishes to make suggestions on official policy, usually involving personal benefit, he relays his desires to his brother through Bautista. It will thus appear that Bautista has made the request or has submitted a suggestion.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Lynevitch's hold on Antonio Quirino is demonstrated by the fact that although Manila businessmen frequently complain to Antonio of Lynevitch's behavior and business tactics, Antonio continues to protect him. Lynevitch has boasted openly that the BAEC is assured full Government cooperation on construction contracts of the Bureau of Public Works because of the influence of Antonio on the President.

Further evidence of this hold is to be found in the fact that bonds of more than \$10,000 are not approved by C.P. Calanoc, Acting Manager of Alto Surety, unless they bear Lynevitch's signature.

Lynevitch has declared that Alto has arranged the issuance of over 50,000 firearms to various individuals through Alto Firearms Bonds. The firm's offices are at the same address as those of BAEC: 121 Escolta, Manila.

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